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SUBJ: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA

AND HUNGARY

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1) FRIIS-MOLLER, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT THE MFA, HAS CONFIRMED TO US REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN WILL VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA LATER THIS MONTH. ANDERSEN LEAVES FOR PRAGUE APRIL 21 AND RETURNS TO COPENHAGEN APRIL 23. HE DEPARTS AGAIN FOR BUDAPEST APRIL 29 AND RETURNS APRIL 30. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, MFA'S DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OTTO BORCH (OR HIS DEPUTY OLE BIERRING IF BORCH IS STILL AILING), A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, A PRESS AIDE, AND
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TWO OR THREE JOURNALISTS.

2) FRIIS-MOLLER SAID THAT ANDERSEN IS ACCEPTING INVITATIONS EXTENDED "LONG AGO" BY BOTH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY. HE RECALLED THAT FORMER LIBERAL FOREIGN MINISTER OVE GULDBERG HAD ACCEPTED BOTH INVITATIONS BUT HIS PLANNED JANUARY 1975 VISITS WERE ABORTED BY THE JANUARY 9 GENERAL ELECTION.

3) THE ANDERSEN VISIT WILL BE THE FIRST BY A DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO PRAGUE IN ABOUT TEN YEARS. NEITHER THE DANES NOR, THOUGH FRIIS-MOLLER, THE CZECHS OR HUNGARIANS HAD ANY MATTERS OF BURNING URGENCY TO DISCUSS. HE EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE EXCHANGES OF TOURS D'HORIZON AS WELL AS SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS ON CSCE (PARTICULARLY THE DANISH FOLLOW-UP PROPOSAL), THE MIDEAST AND CYPRUS, AND ASPECTS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY TRADE. ANDERSEN PLANS TO BRIEF NATO AMBASSADORS IN BOTH CAPITALS ON HIS VISITS.

4) THE DANES HAVE CONVEYED THEIR STRONG HOPE TO THE CZECHS AND HUNGARIANS THAT A FORMAL COMMUNIQUE CAN BE AVOIDED ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH STATEMENTS ARE USUALLY EITHER MEANINGLESS EXHORTATIONS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY OR PRETEND AGREEMENT WHERE NONE EXISTS.
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